

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007**

**VAN HOOSE EDUCATION CENTER
3332 NEWBERG ROAD, STEWART AUDITORIUM
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

The Kentucky Board of Education held a regular meeting on September 5, 2007, at the Van Hoose Education Center, Stewart Auditorium, 3332 Newberg Road, Louisville, Kentucky. The Board conducted the following business:

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Brothers called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. local time.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were C.B. Akins, Kaye Baird, Joe Brothers, Jeanne Ferguson, Bonnie Lash Freeman, Judy Gibbons, Doug Hubbard, David Rhodes, Janna Vice, and David Webb. Absent were Keith Travis and Tom Layzell.

HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT

Kevin Noland reported that the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee had attached a letter of deficiency to 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage High School Interscholastic Athletics. He continued that the KHSAA Board of Control had then asked via letter that the Kentucky Board of Education remove Proposal 2 from the regulation and make a request to the Legislative Research Commission to remove the letter of deficiency.

Chair Brothers asked David Webb, Chair of the Management Committee, to comment on the request.

Mr. Webb said that he agreed with the Board of Control's recommendation and moved to approve the request to remove Proposal 2 from the regulation and ask the Legislative Research Commission to remove the letter of deficiency. David Rhodes seconded the motion.

C.B. Akins then asked what would happen to Proposal 2.

Kevin Noland responded that it disappears and is no longer in existence with the other amendments to the regulation moving forward to go into effect. He explained that the KHSAA membership will have to decide if they want to continue to deal with this issue and if so, it would come back to the Kentucky Board of Education for consideration.

Akins expressed that the Board had spent an inordinate amount of time on this issue for it to die.

Doug Hubbard commented that the nonpublic schools would not compromise on the issue and were able to persuade legislators to accept their point of view.

The question was then called and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC WORK PRIORITIES AND BUDGET PRIORITIES

Kevin Noland stated that the latest draft of the strategic work priorities was amended to include the requests from Board members. He pointed out that dollar figures appear next to each priority that has budget impact. Noland indicated that the goals at today's meeting are to verify if the strategic work priorities are on target and then to move to establishing the top three budget priorities.

Robin Kinney then pointed out the changes in the latest draft of the strategic work priorities.

Comments from Board members during this discussion included:

- Regarding funding for KECSAC, the quality of the teacher and implementation of the curriculum make a difference in these programs. Dollars should be targeted for these children, but the way the dollars are spent should be guided and they should be put into securing quality teachers.
- Some superintendents who were asked where to put an increase in dollars said to fund full-day kindergarten because it would free-up dollars for other purposes. We may need to move in that direction and could partner with other organizations to move this forward.
- The way to go is to increase the dollars for preschool and the Voluntary Partnership Assistance Team program (VPAT). Redirecting of funds is a wise thing to do. It may not be a wise thing to double funding for Gifted and Talented.
- We all know the value of early childhood education and that is where the budget dollars should go.

Chair Brothers stated that he would like to look at the work priorities separately from the budget and approve these first. Then, he said, the discussion could move to the budget. Brothers asked Board members if staff had sufficiently captured the strategic work priorities.

At this point, Janna Vice moved to approve the strategic work priorities as submitted by Department staff and Jeanne Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next, the discussion moved to the budget. Kevin Noland restated that staff would like to have the Board's tentative top three budget priorities. He indicated that Chair Brothers had asked him to make recommendations on behalf of the Department and noted that reaching closure on that was very difficult. Noland then gave the following recommendations:

1. Increase in SEEK funds at around 3% (majority of funds are sent on to districts)
2. Funding of full-day kindergarten (would free-up dollars for other purposes)
3. Increase scholastic audits and interventions with low-performing districts (VPAT and other assistance programs)

Comments from Board members on the recommendations included:

- We need to include an increase in Gifted and Talented funding even if the amount of increase is reduced.
- The idea of providing dollars with flexibility will be well received by districts.
- With SEEK, a problem exists with the percentage of dollars that are generated locally and from the state level.
- Funding SEEK is the best way to help students.
- The three proposals from Department staff are good ones but we need to add Gifted and Talented and KECSAC. Also, the increase for kindergarten needs to be done with a phased-in approach.

Kevin Noland summarized that what he heard from the Board was:

1. Increase in SEEK by 3%
2. Full-day kindergarten with a phased-in approach during the first year
3. VPAT and other assistance programs

Noland indicated that staff would do more work on the budget figures and come back with information and a continued discussion at the October Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

At 4:25 p.m., the Board entered into closed session to discuss personnel per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) on a motion by Kaye Baird and a second by Jeanne Ferguson. The motion carried.

The Board came out of closed session at 4:50 p.m. on a motion by Janna Vice and a second by David Rhodes. The motion carried. No action was taken during the closed session.

COMMISSIONER'S SEARCH PROCESS

Chair Brothers commented that he had sent to each member via email a proposal on the commissioner's search process designed to fill in the gaps that perhaps were not clear.

The Board reviewed the proposal from Chair Brothers. The following resulted from the review:

- The application process would not close until the finalists are chosen.
- The dates to send application packets to Board members would be September 15, September 22 and October 1. Any applications received after this would be given to the members at the October 3rd session where screening of applications will take place.
- To vote on selection of the next commissioner, Board members must participate in the interviews on November 13.
- When members come to the October 3rd screening session, they need to be prepared to discuss the next steps forward in the search process to get to November 13.

ADJOURNMENT

C.B. Akins moved to adjourn the meeting and Kaye Baird seconded the motion. The motion carried.